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Care workers fired and re-hired under new terms and conditions

HUNDREDS of low paid Dorset care workers employed by the council social care company, Tricuro, have been given their notice.

The company has issued what is known as 'dismissal and re-engagement' notices to more than 350 staff who are unhappy about new terms and conditions which amount to a pay cut.

The move has left many in tears and feeling helpless about what they should do.

Those who fail to sign the new contracts will lose their jobs.

Unison says many individuals could find themselves £2,600 a year worse off, mainly because of changes to weekend and bank holiday payments. The average reduction is expected to be £800 a year.

by Trevor Bevins
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Unison says the company, set up last year by Dorset, Bournemouth and Poole councils, said at the time that there would be no reduction in pay or conditions for staff as a result of the change.

The three councils, which own the company, have declined to comment on the current situation.

Union officer Pete Challis says the latest move has 'gone beyond the pale.'

"If you received a letter which wants you to voluntarily agree to cut your own terms and conditions, and if you don't agree you will lose your job, you would be very frightened – and that's precisely how many staff felt. We had members who were in tears."

He said that Unison is still trying to reach a solution but Tricuro has decided to end the discussions and issue the notices.

"Managers told staff that if they didn't agree to cuts in their pay and conditions they would be sacked…we have no doubt members felt compelled to sign because if they didn't they would lose their jobs."

He said the company sent the letters out less than four hours after ending talks earlier this month.

Tricuro managing director Alison Waller had confirmed that the dismissal and re-engagement letters had been sent to around 350 staff who had not already voluntarily accepted the new terms.

She said the company was hoping not to dismiss any staff and was trying to help staff through the process "at this difficult time."

"This is a regrettable position for the company to be in however we now need to focus on long term financial sustainability and growth."

Unison claims the company should be around £600,000 a year better off on its wages bill because of the changes.

Workers have until March 9th to accept the new contracts.

The company runs nine care homes, including Sydney Gale House in Bridport, day centres – at Fisherman's Arms and Sydney Gale House – offers a help at home service and employs around 1,600 full and part-time staff looking after around 7,000, mainly elderly, people. It has a budget of around £30million a year.

A LOCAL family, whose Christmas was marred when their decorations where destroyed, received a boost from members of Bridport Leisure Centre's Aqua Fit.

After hearing about the incident, in which vandals ruined the Carver family's inflatable Santa and candy cane decorations outside their Orchard Avenue home, the group rallied round to organise a hamper of treats for them.

Adam Carver, *pictured second right,* works at Bridport Leisure Centre and was asked to drop in during the group's Christmas lunch for the surprise.

Adam's son Ryley, for which this is his first Christmas in Bridport, was heartbroken after the decorations were destroyed.

Rachel Heath, Aqua Fit instructor, said: "It is really heartfelt and they were really, genuinely upset that it had happened, especially to Adam, and then they wanted to really do something for him."

Trisha Davies, a member of Aqua Fit who presented the hamper to Adam, said: "The Aqua Fit group all felt that we wanted to pull together to do something for Adam and his family. In the hamper there are biscuits, toys, chocolates and a few luxuries."

Adam said: "I'm pretty shocked, it is very nice of everyone and I am just speechless. It was a lovely surprise."

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Have your say on whether Council Tax should be raised to help pay for police

POLICE and Crime Commissioner (PCC) Martyn Underhill is urging Dorset residents to take part in a consultation on whether to freeze or raise the part of the council tax bill used to pay for policing.

In the last five years, Dorset Police's budget has been cut by £19million by central government and will continue to be cut by £1million every year for the next three years.

In Dorset, around half of the police budget comes from the Government and the rest is made up from local council tax, with the responsibility for setting the cost falling to the locally elected PCC.

Mr Underhill said: "The Chief Constable has formally requested that I raise the precept to allow the force to meet the challenges facing policing.

"A maximum rise of £3.80 per year in council tax would generate £1.07 million income, meaning we would have roughly the same amount of money as this year, taking into account our ongoing government cuts.

"However, we found out that Government have further reduced the amount they give to us in order to hold back more money for special initiatives.

"When the Chancellor announced, in November 2015, that there would be no more cuts to policing, this was based on the expectation that PCCs would raise the policing element of the council tax bill every year until 2019. I would like to thank residents for supporting a rise last year. Without it the force would have to lose 23 operational police officers and seven police staff dedicated to frontline operational support."

Last year, more than 4,000 residents responded to the consultation, with 82 per cent supporting a rise.

This money was invested in: employing extra investigators dedicated to investigating child abuse and protecting vulnerable children; helping to create a multi-agency safeguarding hub with partners – such as councils and the NHS – to increase joined-up working to protect vulnerable people; and increasing the number of officers in the cybercrime intelligence and investigation team and enhancing the software available to them to identify sexual and violent offenders.

It also went towards recruitment of a dedicated cybercrime prevention officer to educate businesses and residents on staying safe online and re-launching the Dorset Police website to make it easier to access information, interact with local neighbourhood policing teams and to report crime online.

Assistant Chief Constable Mark Cooper said: "Last year's precept increase made a real difference to policing in Dorset – helping us to tackle new threats and to improve our use of technology, both in investigations and engagement with the public.

"Again we are facing financial pressure in real terms.

"While we would obviously remain able to respond to emergencies and carry out other critical tasks, budget reductions make it difficult to innovate and improve how we work.

"If Dorset residents support a relatively small rise to council tax contributions, we are again pledging to invest in specific areas that we have been told are important to local people.

"You would also see these improvements happening quickly over the next year."

If council tax were to be raised in 2017/18, this would be invested in: protecting adults at risk of harm; improving the force's response to common, non-emergency types of crime; and continue to embrace new technology, including further enhancements to Dorset Police's website, such as the ability to make payments online rather than by post.

Mr Underhill added: "Policing requires constant investment to allow officers to keep up with ever changing techniques being adopted by criminals.

"However, it is also important we balance the needs of the police service with the financial on families in Dorset. My office will be undertaking a number of roadshow events in January throughout the county, offering residents a further opportunity to let me know what they think."

The consultation can be found at www. dorsetpoliceprecept.com and a roadshow event will take place in Morrisons, Bridport, on Thursday, January 12th from 2pm to 4pm.

Following feedback from Dorset residents, the commissioner will put his precept proposals to the Police and Crime Panel on February 3rd for their comments.

Once the commissioner has listened to their views he will make his final decision.

POLICE REPORT

DORSET Police are appealing for witnesses and anyone with information on the following crimes to contact them on 101 quoting the relevant occurrence number.

■ Between 6.30pm on Monday, December 12th and 5.30pm on Tuesday, December 13th, diesel was stolen from a Scania breakdown truck parked in St Mary's View, Bridport.

The vehicle tank was full and fuel to the value of £114 was stolen. Occurrence number 551601864 95.

■ On Thursday, December 15th at around 5.50pm, two hand towels were stolen from Bridport Leisure Centre, valued at £18 each.

A female entered the centre and stole the towels while a member of staff was distracted.

The female is described as white, of medium build, with black hair, carrying a pink shoulder bag and had four children with her. She was also driving a grey Renault. Occurrence number 551601 87662.

■ Sometime between 12.30pm on Thursday, December 15th and 12.38pm on Sunday, December 18th, a shed located in Crock Lane was broken into.

Nothing was stolen from the shed but bolt cutters were used to cut the padlock on the door and the padlock as stolen. Occurrence number 55160189071.

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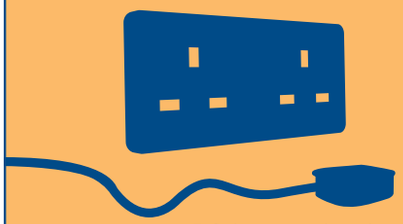

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Groves' give support to town food bank

FOR the second year running, Groves Nurseries in Bridport has supported one of Bridport's food banks by donating 50p from every tree sold to a fund to help buy much-needed shopping for local people.

The team from Groves visited Morrisons to buy some goods, with the supermarket also kindly contributing some items.

The groceries were dropped off at the Cupboard Love charity run by thr Bridport Team Ministry, where volunteers make up the festive hampers for local families and individuals who need a bit of extra help at this time of year.

Charlie Grove, managing director of Groves Nurseries, said: "We are very pleased to help such a good cause.

"We understand how much the food bank's assistance means to people who struggle at what is meant to be happy, family time.

"We are also more than happy to help them deliver the hampers in our vans as December is so busy for the Team Ministry."

■ GROVES Nurseries in Bridport has once again supported the Cupboard Love food bank through 50p from every tree sale going towards shopping for the charity. Pictured above are Charlie Groves (second left) and the team from Groves Nurseries with Alex Rowland from Morrisons

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Vehicle and tools destroyed in garage blaze

A CAR and tools have been completely destroyed in a possible arson attack in Bridport.

Emergency services were called to reports of a garage fire in St Andrews Road at around 3.30am on Tuesday, December 20th.

A spokesperson for Bridport Fire Station said: "Both Bridport appliances attended a property fire in St Andrews Road.

"A garage containing a car and tools was completely destroyed.

"The cause at this time is unknown but believed to be possible arson."

Dorset Police were also called to the scene at around 4am.

A spokesperson said: "We were called at 4.02am to reports of a fire and officers assisted the fire service.

"It has been reported to us as possible arson but at the moment it is still with the fire investigators."

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Local writer releases new children's book

LOCAL author and poet Ged Duncan has released his latest children's book, *Don't Eat the Hoomans!*

Ged, who lives in Bridport, is also the co-founder of the popular Apothecary spoken word event held monthly at The Galley in South Street.

The book tells the story of Krobble, who lives on the planet Fitbog with his friend Begga.

He has been looking for intelligent life on another planet and he thinks he has found it so persuades Begga to travel with him to take a look, and hopes to make friends and share understanding.

Trouble is, Krobble and Begga look just like earthly dinosaurs. How will the Hoomans react when they meet them? Can Krobble stop the enormous Begga from eating them? And will they accept his offer of peace?

Don't Eat the Hoomans! is on sale from gedduncan.info/hoomans, local bookstores or directly from Ged at Apothecary and other spoken word events.

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Help sought for STOMP at Bridport Youth and Community Centre

■ WITH more and more cuts to services and amenities, we rely more and more on local activists to take their place without voluntary contribution from the local community.

One of these amenities is the up and running Bridport Youth and Community Centre situated on the corner of St Michael's Lane and Gundry Lane.

There is a new dedicated team of staff and trustees who have made it possible for the premises to be widely used.

These facilities are very good indeed, including a sports hall, large and small rooms, office space fitted out with computers and such, a well equipped kitchen upstairs and a smaller one downstairs, a working stair lift, and some parking with Waitrose car park nearby also.

To keep this important amenity open we need lots of fundraising. Sarah, the co-ordinator, runs a coffee morning from 10am to 12noon on Fridays in the downstairs café.

On Saturday, February 25th, not as stated as Friday, February 24th in a previous edition, I am organising the Bridport Youth and Community Centre charity STOMP from 3pm to 9pm, starting with music for toddlers, parents and friends, a children's storyteller for school age and dancing and music from late afternoon to the end.

A light buffet will be provided by Oh Crumbs, soft drinks and non-alcoholic punch will be served – toilet facilities are also on the premises.

I will be looking for volunteers to help out and after the New Year, posters will be put up around the town and Sarah will be advertising and handing out invitations to local groups and organisations.

I am also looking for three or four of our local traders and businesses to provide sponsorship for this very worthy cause.

Contact is available for Sarah the co-ordinator at the centre itself, by telephone (on 01308 422500), Facebook or Twitter.

The local newspapers will be following the event.

Thank you in anticipation.

I can be contacted on 01308 422650.

ROZ COPSON,
West Bay

Every year more people die in West Dorset than are born

■ YES, more people die here than are born here and yet the Office of National Statistics notes that the population of West Dorset is set to increase every year.

How on earth can that happen? It is because we have a large amount of 'in-migration' here. Every year people come to retire here – lots and lots of them – with the result that Bridport has 70 per cent more people over 65 than the national average. Nothing wrong in that, but there have got to be limits.

Meanwhile, countless young people on low incomes in Bridport can only dream of buying a home here at current market prices. These are our people, Bridport's own people, far too many living in housing poverty.

There are currently nearly 250 households in Bridport on the Housing Register, which means that they are either homeless or in unsuitable accommodation. In Bridport. Is that acceptable in our prosperous modern society?

Meanwhile, West Dorset District Council have decided that 500 new homes for sale are to be built on Vearse Farm in Bridport. Will that help? Who will buy them?

The simple fact is that everyone in Bridport who can afford to buy a home in Bridport has already got one.

So, who will buy all these new ones? The likelihood is that the lion's share of these new homes on Vearse Farm will be bought by affluent incoming retirees.

A good number will be bought as holiday homes as well. We already know that the so-called affordable rented homes on Vearse Farm will probably be too expensive for over half our population. So, the point of the 500 homes to be built for sale on Vearse Farm is what, exactly? Answers on a postcard please. Addressed to West Dorset District Council.

ROY MATHISEN,
Bridport

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A Taizé Christmas

MEMBERS of the community came together to sit quietly or to join in and sing Taizé chants, during a service based on the worship of the Taizé community at Bridport United Church.

Taizé is a small village in eastern France. For over 50 years, it has been the home of a Christian monastic community made up of brothers from many different countries, speaking many different languages and belonging to several different Christian denominations.

Catholics, Anglicans, Protestants, Orthodox and others live and pray together, share a simple life and welcome the tens of thousands of visitors who come to spend time with them every year from all over the world.

The community has developed a unique style of meditative singing which focuses on the repetitive chanting of short phrases from the Bible and other Christian texts in a range of languages.

After a meditative period of silence people came forward to lay a small sprig of greenery around the Taizé cross.

The music was provided by Harry Brown on piano and Ruth Jenkins on guitar and whistle.

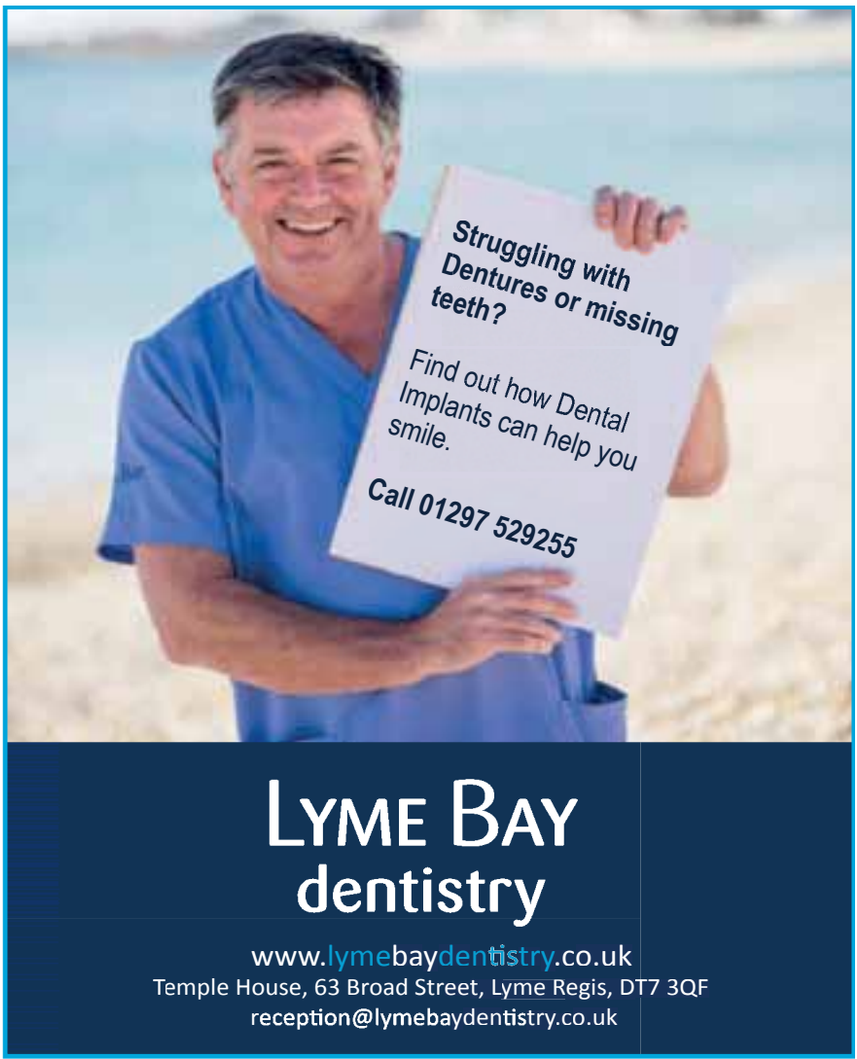
The Reverend Peter Clark gave an address on the theme of 'By Faith We Prepare,' connecting the Old Testament with the New.

Around £140 was collected that day for the Churches Together Christmas Tree Festival charity Water Aid.

Reminisce at the library

THE team at Bridport Library are starting a reminiscence group once a month for anyone to chat and have company at the library on South Street.

The first meeting will be on Wednesday, February 1st from 2pm to 3pm.



Festive fundraising at

■ ABOVE: Pupils in St Mary's Primary School Nativity

■ LEFT: Students raised money for charity by having their hair shaved off

■ RIGHT: Pupils as shepherds (near right) and angels (far right) in Burton Bradstock Primary School's Nativity

SCHOOLS which are part of the Minerva Trust – including Bridport Primary School, St Mary's Primary School, Burton Bradstock Primary School and the Sir John Colfox Academy – have been busy fundraising and taking part in festive events.

In the weeks before Christmas the children took part in enjoyable community activities and events to celebrate, including nativities, carol singing, tree decorating and present making.

The pupils also raised money for charity in a number of ways – Burton Bradstock Primary School raised £200 for Ocean Ward at Southampton General Hospital [paediatric cardiac unit] through performances of their 'Seven Lessons and Carols'.

They also raised £960 at their Christmas fayre and wore Christmas jumpers to raise money.

At St Mary's Primary School, the fayre raised £1,820 and there was hardly a dry eye in the house when the children sang in their Nativity play.

They also visited the Memory Café at St Swithun's Church and Bridport Blind Club and the school choir sang a mixture of traditional and contemporary carols.

Bridport Primary School pupils sang Christmas carols and World War Two songs for customers at Morrisons and visited Peeler's Court and Sydney Gale residential home to entertain residents.

Their Christmas fair raised £2,300 and they raised £36 for Julia's House.

Despite chicken pox taking a toll on the numbers for the Nativity, 'A Christmas Recipe' went ahead with all the key elements of Christmas being included.

At the Sir John Colfox Academy, Christmas means music, events and fundraising for charity.

The Christmas Readathon has now become a tradition and the Sixth Form Rag Week offers a big drive to raise money for their chosen charity – this year £1,500 was raised for Cancer Research.

Highlights this year included the 'Colfox Christmas Cracker' – a Christmas-themed musical event which showcased the large amount of talent in the school.

Competitions to raise money also included the doughnut eating challenge, hair shaving, lip-sync competitions, as well as events based around the theme of holidays.

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St Mary's Church in South Street was transformed into the town, with a make-shift stable taking centre stage.

The event, organised by Churches Together in Bridport and District, brings the story of Christmas to the community, interspersed with carols, including Bridport's own 'O Market Town of Bridport'.

As well as local people playing the main roles in the story, three llamas – taking on the role of the camels ridden by the wise men – and a donkey came into the church, surprising the congregation and adding some excitement to the story-telling.

The Reverend Philip Ringer, organiser on behalf of Churches Together in Bridport and District, said: "We had a wonderful time and everyone played their parts well, including the animals.

"Father Dan Shackell gave a powerful and memorable homily to conclude the morning."

■ Mary and Joseph arrive at St Mary's Church with a donkey

■ Dozens of people gathered in St Mary's Church to watch the annual Bridport Nativity

■ THE three wise men and alpacas from Alpaca UK make their way to the church *Photo by DOUG CHALK*

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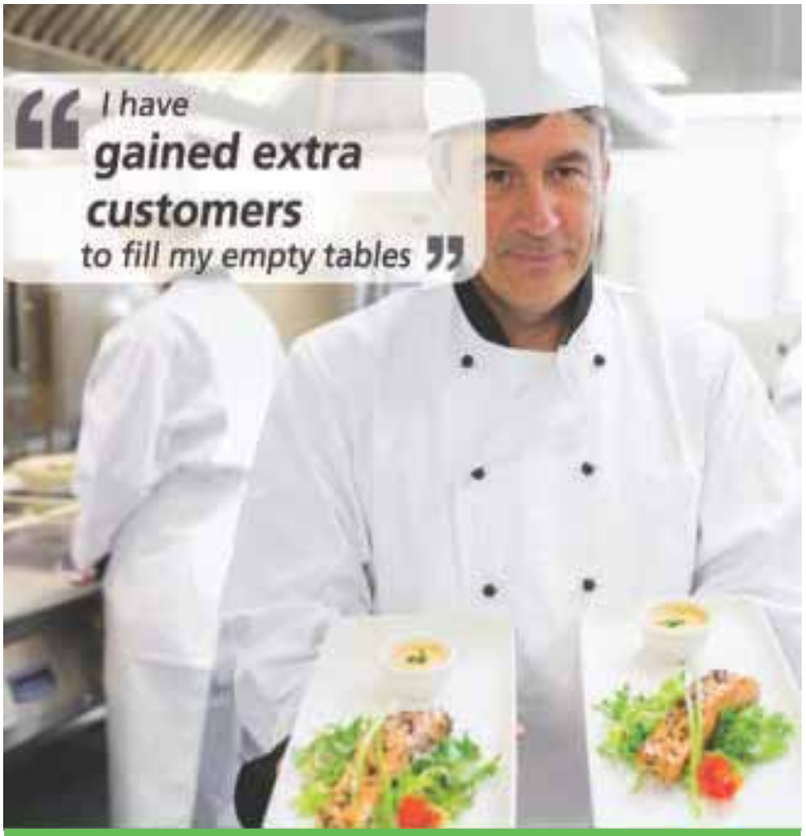

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TWO-year-old Charlotte, Tammy, eight-year-old Lacey, three-year-old Archie, Emily and five-year-old Austin create Christmas decorations

Christmas party celebrates saving Bridport Youth Centre

THE Bridport Youth and Community Centre has been saved as a resource for all in the town and a party celebrating both Christmas and its success was thrown earlier this month.

Families came down to sample the fun, food and friendliness offered by the centre's co-ordinator Sarah Corke and the team of helpers and trustees.

Mum Emily Case said: "It is great to have a break from the madness of this time of year and to let the children just have some fun with other children."

Soft play equipment, ride-on cars for toddlers and a bubble machine were very popular, while sticky paper games were also set out on a table and Christmas music was played to add to the atmosphere.

Another mum, Tammy Tattershall, said: "It is great to get the family together at Christmas."

Upstairs, the older children were able to watch a film and make popcorn before coming down to run a lucky dip and do face painting.

Father Christmas also managed to visit and the children were delighted with their early Christmas presents.

The Bridport Youth and Community Centre offers regular weekly meetings for young people and hosts a number of other activities.

For more information contact Sarah Corke at bridportycc@gmail.com

The Wednesday night youth club for nine to 15-year-olds takes place from 7pm to 9.30pm and a Friday night youth club for 11 to 19-year-olds takes place from 7.30pm to 9pm.

Orren enjoys the bubble machine

SUZANNE Zakjohn and Sarah Corke enjoy the refreshments

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O'brien Roofing & Leadworks Limited is a family run business based in Bridport, Dorset, and was established in 2003 by Daniel O'Brien.

We are proud to say that we can also offer two further divisions – O'brien Building Services and O'brien Scaffolding, hence now known, in short, as O'briens.

O'brien Roofing & Leadworks

Originally established, as the name suggests, specialising in roofing and leadwork with numerous local builders, Local Authorities and Housing Associations and gaining a reputation for high quality workmanship.

O'briens specialise in leadwork, welding and bossing, as well as installation and repair of guttering from traditional cast iron gutters to modern UPVC materials. For added peace of mind, customers can also feel safe in the knowledge that the company is approved by the Lead Sheet Association (LSA), who is the foremost independent technical authority on the design, specification and use of rolled lead in the construction industry.

In addition to leadwork, the company undertakes all roof slating and roof tiling work from slipped slates to a complete re-roof, on domestic buildings, churches and commercial units. O'brien is a registered member of The National Federation of Roofing Contractors (NFRC) who provide insurance backed guarantees for qualifying domestic re-roofs and new work and are consequently accredited to the TrustMark Scheme, a Government endorsed standards scheme.

The NFRC is the UK's largest and longest established roofing trade federation, which requires members to comply with a strict Code of Practice and to install products that comply with British Standards or have a Third Party Accreditation.

Vetting of the company is carried out regularly by both the National Federation of Roofing Contractors as well as the Lead Sheet Association.

In addition, O'briens is also an approved Topseal GRP (Glassfibre Reinforced Polyester) flat roofing installer, which means that all roofing operatives are trained in the system and are fully certified. All roofing contracts carried out using the Topseal system are covered by a 25 year manufacture backed warranty scheme.

O'briens offers the best service possible. All customers are provided with advice and quotations free and without obligation.

All employees are trained to work safely at height and a continuous programme of training is maintained to enable all employees to achieve their NVQ through the South Wales & South West Roofing Training Group.

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When working at heights, ladders can prove dangerous and not ideal for the job in hand, while scaffolding can be expensive and alternative towers are time-consuming to erect. Hazards can then inevitably lead to accidents, or failure to effectively complete the job.

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O'brien Building Services

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The company has earned an excellent reputation bringing together some of the most experienced craftsmen in the area to undertake construction and building work to the highest standards.

Clients can be assured that there is an emphasis on balance these being time, cost and quality with our in-house team consisting of Commercial Manager, Quantity Surveyors and Contracts Managers to manage these aspects of any project.

Our bricklaying, stonemasonry, groundworks, roofing, carpentry & joinery, painting & decorating, tiling, plastering, electrical and plumbing works - are all completed to the highest standards and all our operatives undertake regular technical and Health & Safety training and offer a courteous and professional service.

We can co-ordinate various trades to complete jobs to a timescale and be cost effective. All it takes is a simple phone call and we can have a member of the team discuss your needs, carry out a survey if required and produce a free, formal estimate without obligation.

O'briens frequently carries out projects for Local Authorities, Housing Associations and works with major insurance companies in providing a one stop emergency and reinstatement service, as well as smaller jobs for private individuals gaining a reputation for high quality workmanship, covering Bridport and all surrounding areas.

We will advise on timescales and liaise with you on any access or working time restrictions, keeping you informed and up to date with progress as the works progress. Emergencies can be handled very quickly by a phone call to our Bridport office. The nature of the work can be ascertained at this point and the relative trade operatives dispatched. Sometimes the nature and timing of the work can mean a temporary repair until a full repair can be achieved.

We are accredited by the Federation of Master Builders (FMB) and must meet their strict membership criteria as well as passing their vetting process. We also follow their Code of Practice and carry out regular member inspections.

Health & Safety is paramount to O'briens ensuring our team and everybody involved where we work are kept safe. We utilise Risk and Method statements and our stringent Health & Safety Policy ensures we keep an eye on Health & Safety at all times through any construction work we undertake. We will offer guidance under CDM regulations which now encompasses many residential projects.

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In 2016, Kevin & Adam Fulbrook joined the O'briens team to help grow the scaffold division. The brothers felt that they could offer a fresh approach, having worked together in the scaffolding industry with a combined experience of over 30 years, offering their values & expertise on a professional yet personal approach to all of our customers.

We can offer competitive, reliable scaffolding services to a wide range of clients (both residential and commercial) in Bridport and the surrounding area.

Our expertise enables us to quote the correct scaffold for your job. We work to NASC recommendations to ensure the scaffold is designed and erected according to their strict structural requirements.

Our staff are certified Scaffold Inspectors as well as CISRS Experienced Scaffolders, and each build comes with a hand over certificate confirming type of build and recommended weight capacities, these can be designed and built to suit your needs within stringent Health and Safety regulations.

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We have recently installed scaffold alarms to 2 of our largest projects to date and we will be looking to offer this service to all our customers, private and commercial if required. It's worth noting that once scaffolding has been erected on your property your contents insurance may become void. The alarm will contact up to three key-holders by telephone and text message when activated, it is armed and disarmed by using remote control from up to 50 meters away (multiple remote controls can be used). There is a built in 130 decibel siren which can be silenced whilst programming the alarm. Although this wouldn't stop your insurance being void it's a very simple solution to help protect your property. Check with your insurance policy/provider for more details.

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Yoga and Tripudio Movement classes at the Garden Studios Bridport

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Here at The Garden Studios we hope to offer some skills that may help you move with ease through the year, complementary therapies with Julia provide not just body maintenance, but deep relaxation too. We maintain our cars but forget ourselves, time to make a change!

Paul teaches regular yoga classes Monday to Thursday, both daytime and evening. Small classes and lots of individual attention make these gentle flowing classes suit both absolute beginners as well as those with more experience.

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by Abi Jackson, Press Association

WATERMELON - We all carried a watermelon in 2016. Well, those of us who got in on the emerging watermelon juice/water trend did. Yep, move over coconut water (not completely - you're still in pretty high demand), watermelon quenched our thirst and then some this year, topping up our vitamin and potassium levels and aiding in muscle recovery (thanks to its L-citrulline contents) in the process.

VERDICT: Keep. It's tasty, simple and a refreshing (no pun intended) addition to the, arguably over-saturated, 'healthy drinks' market.

HYGGE - OK, the fact snuggling up somewhere cosy and candlelit, with a soothing hot chocolate or glass of red, makes us feel good is hardly groundbreaking. But it was only this year we officially found a name for the cosy good life's happiness-inducing magic: Hygge. It's always been a way of life for the Danes, and this autumn saw it snuggle into our everyday vocabulary too.

VERDICT: Keep! Simple, feel-good and basically achievable every day. What's not to love?

SEAWEED - First came 'courgetti', and then 2016 saw an incoming tide of seaweed 'pasta'. There's a lot going for it: it's sustainable, easy to farm, highly nutritious, gluten-free and low-cal - if a tad salty.

VERDICT: Keep - BUT it's currently too expensive to make it onto our regular shopping lists (expect to pay almost £6 for a 100g bag, while you can easily get a 500g bag of real pasta for £1).

FLAVOURED NUT BUTTER - The nut butter aisles got a LOT more interesting this year, with palm oil-free brands like Pip and Nut bringing us delights such as Honey Cinnamon Cashew Butter and Coconut Almond Butter. Omega-3 and protein-packed goodness and added flavour.

VERDICT: Keep! And Pip & Nut have just announced they're launching 1KG tubs... Happy New Year!

CLEAN EATING - Nobody's really sure what it means... Is it just healthy, proper food all made from scratch, no additives etc?! But, haven't people been doing that for, um, ever? And does it only count as 'clean eating' if you post it on social media? Maybe we're missing something but, either way, it's smug, and ain't nothing wrong with a good 'ol dirty burger every once in a while.

VERDICT: Bin. #PleaseStop

WAIST TRAINING - The Kardashians could post selfies of themselves drenched in cow dung and somebody (read: many) would give it a go, so of course, when they start posting snaps of themselves sporting waist trainers - basically super-tight corsets - and even working out with them on, cue a flurry of copycat attempts to get 'waisted'.

VERDICTS: Bin. Sticking the word 'trainer' in the title doesn't change what it is. A corset doesn't promote fat loss or muscle tone. It just squashes you (and your organs).

SAUNA SUITS - Always thought the priority with fitness attire was to keep you cool and comfortable during those sweaty workouts? Khloe Kardashian took the opposite approach this summer however, when she shared snaps of herself working out in a 'sauna suit'. The clue's in the name: these 'sweat suits', as they're also known, are designed to make you heat up and perspire more.

VERDICT: Bin. Anything that perpetuates the idea it's OK to do daft things in a bid to lose weight fast is just not good. Plus apparently, it's just promoting water loss, which isn't the same as fat loss.

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Osprey Leisure Centre

FOR the fifth year running with no increase in membership charges Osprey Leisure Centre is able to offer monthly membership packages which not only allow all current facilities to be used for as little as £25 per month but also permit either longer term or non contract deals to be purchased. For this price the 3 gym areas can be used and members can swim and enjoy the majority of the class programme for this all inclusive amount. This means that every customer is able to 'get more for less' if they wish. As well as new fitness equipment, new classes in the fitness programme and brand new indoor cycling classes, kettlebell sessions and combination classes on offer this all adds up to an excellent value package to help people achieve their 2017 fitness goals or give them many options including pay and play to help with New Year resolutions. For more information visit the new leisure centre website or call reception, details available on the adjacent advert.

Post Office wins 'Best Business in Bridport' award

BRIDPORT Post Office has been named Wessex FM's 'Best Business in Bridport'. The team are pictured receiving the award from Natalie Coatsworth (right) of Longs Fish and Chips, and Yvonne Dyke (left) of Pineapple Business Park, the two sponsors of the award

BRIDPORT Post Office has scooped the award for Wessex FM's 'Best Business in Bridport'.

The team at the West Street branch received the award from joint sponsors, Pineapple Business Park and Longs Fish and Chips, at a ceremony hosted by the local radio station at Kingston Maurward.

The awards honour local business achievements in Bridport, Dorchester and Weymouth.

In the submission for the award, Bridport Post Office was described as "much more than a place to go to post letters".

One of the nominees, a staff member, said: "Since Paul and Sylvia took over three years ago, the post office has changed incredibly. They are lovely people to work for and can't do enough for their customers, so much so they even have people come in and visit when they are on holiday."

Another nominee described the shop as "lovely with a good selection and with very friendly and helpful staff".

Andrew Dyke of Pineapple Business Park said how delighted the whole team at Pineapple were to have won the award last year and it was with great pleasure that they were joint sponsors of this year's award which was won by such worthy winners.

Jess Upton set to play charity gig

FOLLOWING on from this year's hugely successful Girt Barn Dance, which raised £1,700 for the Bridport Literary and Scientific Institute, Creeds the printers are already organising their next big event.

On Saturday, January 14th from 7.30pm, there will be an evening of music from Jess Upton and the Guilty Pleasures at Symondsbury Tithe Barn.

Director Andrew 'Harry' Harrison, said: "All proceeds will go to worthy causes close to our hearts, including Young Epilepsy, St Catherine's Preschool and the Bridport Arts Centre."

Harry's granddaughter Matilda was diagnosed with epilepsy earlier this year and, like many children with this condition, has multiple seizures on a daily basis and needs constant care.

As epilepsy is a disorder of the brain and there are more than 40 different seizure types, there is still much to learn and charities such as Young Epilepsy are vital in supporting children and families who are affected.

Proceeds will also go to St Catherine's Preschool, who have been a fantastic support to Matilda.

The staff at the preschool give Matilda the best possible care and the whole family are grateful that she is looked after by such a dedicated group of people. Finally, the fundraiser will be supporting Bridport Arts Centre which needs funds for essential building work and facilities.

Tickets cost £10 and are available from Creeds by calling 01308 423411 or emailing office@creedsuk.com

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The ultimate guide to leisure in Dorset

Cabaret with claws!

DIVA, TEMPTRESS, vocal sensation and acrobat Charlie Bicknell is a force to be reckoned with in this unique cabaret show, touring with Artsreach following high recommendation from audience members.

Charlie first became a household name playing Delilah in BBC2's 'This Life', and subsequently starred as Scout in Ben Elton's West End hit 'Popcorn'. Continuing to work as an actress for the National Theatre and rep around the UK, Charlie moved into cabaret and started to devise her own work, performing all over the world; from the living room of the Portuguese Embassy to the Sydney Opera House and The London Hippodrome.

Packed with anarchy, wit and comic ingenuity, Charlie performs songs ranging from Tim Minchin to Meatloaf, Jacques Brel to Bond, and darkly humorous originals which include acrobatic antics! Described by The Observer as "A one woman weapon of mass distraction…kicking, thriving, surprising, shocking and always delighting", Charlie is accompanied by an exceptional pianist. Expect a magnificent evening's entertainment full of darkly comic, twisted songs and theatrical flair! Be aware, this show is suitable for those ages 15+.

Charlie Bicknell performs at Powerstock Hut on Friday, January 20th at 7.30pm. For more details call 01308 485264 or visit www.artsreach.co.uk

This week's new cinema

COLLATERAL 12A

Retreating from life after a tragedy, a man questions the universe by writing to Love, Time and Death. Receiving unexpected answers, he begins to see how these things interlock and how even loss can reveal moments of meaning and beauty.

Stars Will Smith, Edward Norton and Kate Winslet.

WHY HIM? 15

A HOLIDAY gathering threatens to go off the rails when Ned Fleming realizes that his daughter's Silicon Valley billionaire boyfriend boyfriend is about to pop the question.

Stars Zoey Deutch, James Franco and Bryan Cranston.

MONSTER TRUCKS PG

LOOKING for any way to get away from the life and town he was born into, Tripp (Lucas Till), a high school senior, builds a Monster Truck from bits and pieces of scrapped cars. After an accident at a nearby oil-drilling site displaces a strange and subterranean creature with a taste and a talent for speed, Tripp may have just found the key to getting out of town and a most unlikely friend.

Stars Lucas Till, Jane Levy and Rob Lowe.

MARAUDERS 15

When a bank is hit by a brutal heist, all evidence points to the owner and his high-powered clients. But as a group of FBI agents dig deeper into the case - and the deadly heists continue - it becomes clear that a larger conspiracy is at play.

Stars Bruce Willis, Christopher Meloni and Dave Bautista.

Cinema Listings

Fri, Dec 30th - Thu, Jan 5th

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UNTIL JANUARY 2ND

Lyme Regis: The Christmas Art Exhibition is a festive show of recent 2D and 3D work by local artists who are members of Town Mill Arts. It is full of inspiring and enticing paintings, sculptures, drawings, pottery, textiles, jewellery and books, ideal for that special Christmas present. Open daily 10.30-4.30. Free admission. The Malthouse Gallery, The Town Mill, Mill Lane, Lyme Regis DT7 3PU www.townmillarts.co.uk

Lyme Regis: Pop Up Vintage is the sixth annual showcase for the up-cycling work of Jan Calow and Mandy Wiscombe, who spend all year sourcing, making, repairing, cleaning and renovating their stock of competitively priced vintage gifts, highly suitable for Secret Santas. Open daily 10.30-4.00. Free admission. The Courtyard Gallery, The Town Mill, Mill Lane, Lyme Regis DT7 3PU www.townmillarts.co.uk

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 21ST

Eype, Bridport: West Dorset Decorative & Fine Arts Society meeting at Highlands End Leisure Centre. 'A Musical Celebration of the Christmas Season' with speaker Sarah Deere-Jones. 2.30pm. For more details call 01297 443615.

Martinstown: Chair-based exercise. Martinstown Village Hall. 11am. For more details call 01308 426390.

Dorchester: HMP Dorchester Reunion at the Trinity Club, 7pm til midnight. Live music, disco, raffle and buffet. All former employees welcome. Tickets available on a first come first served basis and are £5 per head, payable in advance. For more details and tickets please email dorchesterprisonreunion@yahoo.com

Dorchester: Dorchester Community Church in Acland Road holding a special Christmas coffee pop in. Do come along and enjoy Christmas festivities and a very warm welcome. Anytime between 9.30am and 12noon.

SATURDAY DECEMBER 31ST

Bridport: 2016 New Year's Eve Disco Party at The Beehive, 9pm to 2am.£5 admisson, ROAR. Fancy dress optional. Ticketline 07788 943220. All proceeds to Weldmar Hospicecare Trust.

THURSDAY JANUARY 5TH

Dorchester: The next meeting of the West Dorset Health Service Retirement Fellowship at 2pm in the Boys Brigade Hall, Sawmills Lane, Dorchester DT1 2RZ when Tony Tester will give a talk on Uganda Conservation. The West Dorset Health Service Retirement Fellowship was set up over 30 years ago for retired employees of the Health Service and their partners living in Dorset and meet on the first Thursday of every month except August and December. In addition to the monthly meetings, we have coach outings, a theatre trip and Christmas lunch. New members welcome. Contact 01305 261676 or 785546 for further information.

FRIDAY JANUARY 6TH

Weymouth: Charity Jazz Night for the British Legion. Royal Dorset Yacht Club, 11 Custom House Quay, Weymouth. 8:30 - 11:00pm. Tickets £10 available on the night or in advance from the yacht club or by calling on Jenny on 07854 500 839. No need to be member to attend!

Bridport: Celebrate Twelfth Night with entertainment from Tinker's Cuss Band and the Symondsbury Mummers at Bridport Town Hall, from 7.30pm. In aid of Bridport Millennium Green. Tickets £7 (members £6) to include seasonal food and drink, from Sue Wilkinson, 01308 425037.

SATURDAY JANUARY 7TH

Bridport: Bridport Ceilidhs starts the New Year with a bang - and The Chris Toyne Band plus caller Gill Spence. Forget the Christmas pies, get out the dance shoes and come along to Church House (St Mary's) Hall, South Street, DT6 3NW. Bring and Share finger food supper, with some soft drinks provided; bring your own beer/wine and make a party of it. Doors open 7.15 for 7.30 - 11pm dance. Tickets £9 on the door, but cheaper in advance at £8 from "The Music Shop", South Street, "The Lime Tree" Deli, West Street, or online; or book by phone on 01308 423 442 or email monty3dayslate@yahoo.co.uk. See the website for more details and how to buy online: www.bridportceilidhs.wordpress.com

MONDAY JANUARY 9TH

Beaminster: Moviola presents 'Absolutely Fabulous the movie' at Beaminster Public Hall. Doors 7pm, film 7.30pm. Tickets at Yarn Barton (01308 862715) weekdays 9.30-12.30, and Saturdays 9.30-1pm. Or call 01308 861746. £5 in advance, or £5.50 on the door.

Burton Bradstock: Biondanza at Othona. Express, Connect, Relax! Dance like no one's watching, no steps to learn, no partner needed, uplifting world music and holistic health benefits. For all ages from 19 to 90. 7.15pm for 7.30pm. Join in bimonthly with teacher Julia Hope-Brightwell (Jewell). Cost £8 (Cons avail). Othona Community, Coast Road, Burton Bradstock DT6 4RN. Contact Robin 01308 897 130 / biodanza-bridport.co.uk

Bridport: Bridport Folk Dance Club meets at 7.30-9.30 pm in the WI Hall, North Street, Bridport. Enjoy folk dancing mainly in the English tradition from Playford-style to modern-day compositions at Bridport's long-established weekly club, with club callers and recorded music and frequently on last Mondays of the month live music with guest callers. No partner or previous experience required. Membership available giving admission at £2.50, otherwise £3.00. Contact Jane on 01308 898 002 or Monty on 01308 423 442. (Also on 16th, and 23rd)

SUNDAY JANUARY 15TH

Bridport: Allington Strings New Year Concert at 3pm at Sir John Colfox Academy, Ridgeway. Arturo Serna conducts the Allington Strings in a programme of light classical favourites including Pacelbel's Canon, Bach's Double Violin Concerto, Mozart's Divertimento no 2, Mendelssohn's Sinfonia No1, Gershwin's Love Walked In and Percy Grainger's Mock Morris. Tickets £10 (under 18's free) available on the door or in advance from Bridport Music.

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 18TH

Eype, near Bridport: West Dorset Decorative & Fine Arts Society lecture. 'The Story of Sutton Hoo Ship Burial' speaker Mark Cottle. At Highlands End Leisure Centre, 2.30pm. For more details call 01297 443615.

THURSDAY JANUARY 19TH

Bridport: Bridport & District Gardening Club meeting at the Women's Institute Hall, North Street, 7.30pm. Speaker Chris Ireland-Jones on 'Bulbs for All Seasons'.

MONDAY JANUARY 23RD

Burton Bradstock: Biondanza at Othona. Express, Connect, Relax! Dance like no one's watching, no steps to learn, no partner needed, uplifting world music and holistic health benefits. For all ages from 19 to 90. 7.15pm for 7.30pm. Join in bimonthly with teacher Julia Hope-Brightwell (Jewell). Cost £8 (Cons avail). Othona Community, Coast Road, Burton Bradstock DT6 4RN. Contact Robin 01308 897 130 / biodanza-bridport.co.uk

SATURDAY JANUARY 28TH

Wootton Fitzpaine: Nick Hennessey and Suunta - Fire in the North Sky. At Wootton Village Hall, 7.30pm. Suitable for ages 12+. Tickets £9, under 18 £7, family £28. Self service box office at the Charmouth Practice, info 01297 560872.

MONDAY JANUARY 30TH

Bridport: Bridport Folk Dance Club's last Monday of the month, with Chris Toyne providing ther music, at 7.30-9.30 pm in the WI Hall, North Street. Enjoy folk dancing mainly in the English tradition from Playford-style to modern-day compositions at Bridport's long-established weekly club. No partner or previous experience required. Entry £4 on guest band nights. Contact Jane on 01308 898 002 or Monty on 01308 423 442.

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 1ST

Bridport: Bridport Library are starting a 'Reminiscence' group once a month. Join us for reminiscence, chat and company at Bridport Library. 2-3pm.

MONDAY FEBRUARY 13TH

Burton Bradstock: Biondanza at Othona. Express, Connect, Relax! Dance like no one's watching, no steps to learn, no partner needed, uplifting world music and holistic health benefits. For all ages from 19 to 90. 7.15pm for 7.30pm. Join in bimonthly with teacher Julia Hope-Brightwell (Jewell). Cost £8 (Cons avail). Othona Community, Coast Road, Burton Bradstock DT6 4RN. Contact Robin 01308 897 130 / biodanza-bridport.co.uk

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 14TH - SATURDAY 18TH

Buckland Newton: Piddle Valley Players proudly presents Guys and Dolls, at Buckland Newton Village Hall, 7pm. £10 including refreshments. Tickets from Old Chapel Stores, Buckland Netwon and Piddletrenthide Post Office from January.

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 15TH

Eype, near Bridport: West Dorset Decorative & Fine Arts Society lecture. 'The Glasgow Girls' speaker Jennie Spiers. At Highlands End Leisure Centre, 2.30pm. For more details call 01297 443615.

TRANSMISSION

Your guide to local live music

The gigs

Saturday 31 Dec
Pilot Boat, LYME REGIS
The Sidekicks

The Clockhouse, CHIDEOCK
John De Barra

Crown Inn, BRIDPORT
DJ Wilf 9.30pm

Sunday 1 Jan
Crown Inn, BRIDPORT
Jamming at the Crown 4pm

Saturday 7 Jan
Crown Inn, BRIDPORT
Trouble In Mind 9.30pm

The venues

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WEST BAY ROAD, BRIDPORT
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DJ WILF
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Folk stars Kathryn Roberts and Sean Lakeman for Dorset tour

CROWNED winners of the BBC Radio 2 Folk Award for Best Duo in both 2013 and again in 2016, Kathryn Roberts and Sean Lakeman have long established themselves as one of the UK folk scene's most rewardingly enduring partnerships. Now this spring the duo embark on a four date Dorset tour through Artsreach, the counties arts charity.

Yvonne Gallimore, Artsreach Co Director, said "Working with the support of our partners Blanchards Bailey, it's always exciting to bring a new act to Dorset as part of the Artsreach programme. Given the popularity of folk music in the region, and the national acclaim this duo have, I'm certain tickets are going to be in high demand!"

Whether on stage or in the recording studio, Sean Lakeman is a tour-de-force of modern folk music. The eldest of the 3 'Lakeman Brothers', Sean has played the guitar since the age of six and was recognized at an early age as one of the most promising guitarists around. Sean has famously orchestrated the sound of his younger brother 'Seth', producing his most successful albums and scooping many awards. As well as producing all four Kathryn Roberts & Sean Lakeman albums his production credits include some of the biggest names in British folk and folk-rock, including Levellers, Seth Lakeman, Frank Turner, Billy Bragg, Imelda May, Bellowhead, Rev Hammer and Show of Hands.

A lauded singer, one of the finest of her generation, Kathryn is held in the highest regard by peers and music fans alike. An early duo career with Kate Rusby led to much critical acclaim and an award-winning album, along with Kathryn being the first singer to win the revered BBC Young Tradition award. Many years fronting folk-pop band Equation band saw Kathryn grace exotic stages all over the world.

Sean Lakeman and Kathryn Roberts

Four acclaimed albums and a 'Best Duo' award at the BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards followed their return to their English folk roots scene, and has helped them cement a formidable reputation at the very forefront of British contemporary folk music.

The duo play at the Comrades Hall, Broadwindsor on Saturday, January 14th at 7.30pm (call 01308 867644 for more details), and Piddletrenthide Memorial Hall on Sunday, January 15th at 4pm (013000 348247).

Boogie Woogie with Bob Hall at the Jazz Café

CRITICALLY acknowledged as Britain's nest blues and boogie pianist, Bob rst came to fame in the rhythm 'n' blues explosion of the sixties, as a founder member of The Groundhogs. He has played with many of the greats including Alexis Korner, Spencer Davis, John Lee Hooker, Howlin' Wolf and Chuck Berry. He appears with Hilary Blythe who provides crystal-clear vocals and rock-steady bass. Both are multi-instrumentalists who present a unique show which ventures beyond boogie to include homespun folk songs and blues, old-time country and gospel.

Bob Hall plays at the Bridport Arts Centre Jazz Cafe on Friday, January 13th at 8pm. Tickets are £10, available by calling 01308 424204 or online www.bridport-arts.com

Bob Hall

Harman in Harmony

JO HARMAN is an award winning vocalist, songwriter and band leader who has performed at some of Europe's most prestigious venues, and she will be performing live at Dorchester Corn Exchange in February.

The Daily Mirror called her "the finest female soul blues vocalist in the U'" and Huey Morgan (Fun Lovin Criminals) said on his Radio 2 programme: "sometimes you hear a voice that leaves you speechless…I am".

Jo has also been asked to perform at a number of high profile events including Amnesty's International's Ambassador of Conscience Awards in Berlin where she performed for, and with, Joan Baez and Patti Smith. In 2014 she was won 'Female Vocalist of the Year' at the British Blues Awards and was runner up in the 'Songwriter of the Year' category.

In her live show, Jo performs a mixture of her own compositions and covers, ranging from hard rock to heart melting ballads – all performed with utter conviction alongside her first rate band.

Jo Harman and her band play at Dorchester Corn Exchange on Saturday, February 11th.

Tickets are £17 or £15 (members & concessions), available by calling 01305 266926, or visit www.dorchesterarts.org.uk

Jo Harman

Nicky Sweetland's

Showtime

OUR NEW SHOWBIZ COLUMN

150 pro shows, 50 celebs, 30 amateur performances, and one year of theatre fun

WITH the end of 2016 fast approaching, I thought it would be fitting to appraise my adventures in theatreland over the last 12 months. It's been an epic year, as I've visited over 30 amateur shows and around 150 different professional productions. I've revisited some of my favourite long running musicals, including Wicked (which I watched eight times), Kinky Boots (five times) and The Phantom of the Opera (just twice!).

I have also met and interviewed around 50 celebrities of varying degrees of fame including Sir Ian McKellen (intelligent and imposing), Catherine Tate (frosty), David Hasselhoff (bizarre) and one of my musical theatre idols, Ruthie Henshall, who was an absolute delight. The highlight however, was when I got to have coffee with some of the real Calendar Girls, who were promoting a new musical based on their story, which has been written by Gary Barlow and Tim Firth and will open in the West End early next year. I was taken with how passionate they are about the charity they set up over 18 years ago to raise money for victims of blood cancer and their families- truly inspirational.

I also caught some new shows including Harry Potter and the Cursed Child (awesome, but I had a nap), Dreamgirls (superb), Half a Sixpence (glorious) and Aladdin (heart-warming) plus a few, which have already been and gone like Groundhog Day, Guys and Dolls, Funny Girl, and Mrs. Henderson Presents.

I've seen straight plays, comedies, circus, one man shows, two handers, Shakespeare and some fully staged extravaganzas, but I have to say it's still the musicals, which are my real source of joy, with shows like Kinky Boots, The Book of Mormon and Mamma Mia!, always worth a visit if you are feeling low.

If I had to choose my favourite, it is still Wicked however; the musical which follows the witches of OZ and offers everything I want from a night out at the theatre. I'll be sneaking along to the Apollo Victoria theatre to see it next week for the 21st time!

From the plethora of local talent I have been very fortunate to witness this year I would have to choose Colyton Theatre Group's Cinderella as my top production; hilariously funny, well directed and not too self-indulgent (something which is often an issue with non-professional shows).

2017 will offer another theatrical feast for audiences in the local area, with both Lyme Regis Pantomime Society and Axminster Drama Club presenting their takes on Robinson Crusoe at the beginning of the year. Cudos in Crewkerne are promising an extravaganza with their pantomime Rapunzel and the Membury Merrymakers are putting on Pandora's Box The Pantomime in their village hall. Other highlights will include Bridport Musical Theatre Company's Showstoppers, Axminster Musical Theatre's Magic of the Musicals, Lyme Regis Musical Theatre's presentation of the classic musical comedy Thoroughly Modern Millie and Axminster Drama Club Youth's production of the heartbreaking Blood Brothers in July.

In London, there are hundreds of Off-West Shows, which are set to be big hits next year including The Wild Party at The Other Palace (which stars my dear friend and Tony Award winner Frances Ruffelle), Stephen Sondheim's Frogs at the Jermyn Street Theatre and Burt Bacharach's Promises, Promises at Southwark Playhouse. The big West End openings include The Girls, Follies, An American in Paris, 42nd Street and Stepping Out, which boasts an all-star cast including Amanda Holden and Tamsin Outhwaite (I watched the play when it was on tour and I wasn't impressed!). The biggest opening of the year however, will be Hamilton at the Victoria Palace; an American musical, which has taken the world by storm and promises to be the West End's hot ticket next Christmas.

I've still got a couple more shows to fit in before the end of the year with the cult musical Rent and the David Bowie musical Lazarus on my schedule.

With so many shows to see next year, I'm not sure how I will find the time. Well, that's not really true, as my theatre addiction will ensure I fill as many of the 525600 minutes (it's a lyric from Rent!) of 2017 with theatre as I can.

You can read all of my reviews and interviews on our websites londonnewsonline.co.uk and viewnews.co.uk or you can follow me on Twitter for regular updates @NickySweetland

Colyton's performance of Cinderella is a local highlight from the last 12 months

Eight times a charm for Wicked

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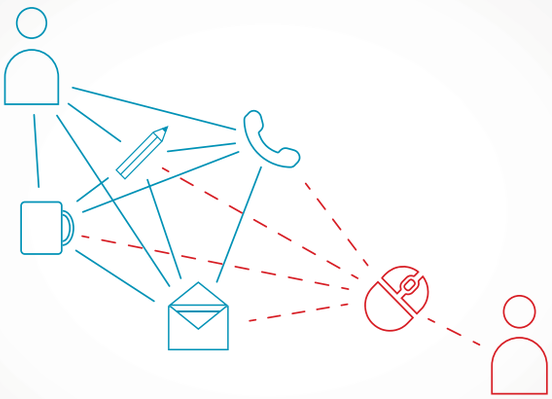

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The intelligently controlled interaction between the combustion engine and the electric drive, which together generate a total system output of 252hp, gives the BMW 530e Saloon rapid acceleration while offering a substantial reduction in fuel consumption and emissions. The BMW 530e achieves combined fuel consumption of 141.2mpg, and a combined electricity consumption of 9.2kWh with CO2 emissions of just 46g/km.

Power delivery on a par with a high-displacement combustion engine.

The BMW eDrive system's state-of-the-art electric motor has an output of 95hp and maximum torque of 250Nm, while the four-cylinder combustion engine with its 2.0-litre displacement generates 184hp and 320Nm of torque. The overall system output of 252hp and combined peak torque of 420Nm allows the BMW 530e to sprint from zero to 62mph in 6.2 seconds and enable it to reach a top speed of 146mph while CO2 emissions of the BMW 530e are just 46g/km.

The BMW 530e iPerformance has a range of nearly 400 miles in real-world driving and is capable of covering distances of up to 29 miles using purely electric power at a maximum speed of 87mph. The electric motor and combustion engine direct their power to the saloon's rear wheels via the standard eight-speed Steptronic transmission. Positioning the electric motor upstream from the transmission allows the transmission's ratios to be used in all-electric mode too. This dispenses with the need for a torque converter, reducing the overall weight of the vehicle.

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Indoor Bowls

Lady luck deserts Bridport

Bridport & West Dorset
with Brian Baker

IT looked like Bridport Men would be the first team this season to inflict defeat on DOLPHIN in the Wessex League this season when they were leading overall by four shots with just two ends left in the final game.

However lady luck was with the Poole side, as they snatched victory by two shot to claim the additional eight points for an overall victory.

At Poole, Mike Parsons, Ken Giles, Stephen Grier and Brian Rumble won 19-16 for two points, with Barry Mason, Ken Enticott, Ken Sanger and Chris Thorne going down 23-10 to even the score.

At Bridport Mike Long, Mike Higman, Keith Brooks and Bob Taylor had a fine 20-10 win to even up the overall total and give Bridport another two points.

With Brian Baker, Dave Roberts, Bill Payne and Brian Conisbee leading 14-10 with two ends left, Bridport had the extra eight points for overall win in the bag.

Unfortunately when Bill Payne looked to have played the perfect wood to put the jack in the ditch for a winning count, the jack bounced off a Dolphin bowl to give them four shots to level the scores.

However, worse was to follow, when on the last end, Conisbee trailed the jack with his last wood. It looked perfect, but to everyone's amazement the jack veered to two Dolphin bowls to leave Bridport beaten 63-65 overall.

Meanwhile, there have been no dramas in the Ladies County League where Bridport have been racking up the point.

At DORCHESTER Lyn Craddock, Laura Taylor, Pat Cornick and Margaret Clapp dropped a late seven count to lose 22-24 but Pam Daters, Millie Meech, Margaret Pestelle and Sue Walsh won 23-20 to give Bridport six of the available eight points.

At home to MOONFLEET, Daters, Meech, Pestelle and Nola Stevens lost 20-23, but with Francis Hewett, Taylor, Cornick and Clapp winning 27-11, Bridport secured another six points.

Axminster
with David Harris

THE Over 60s men's team were unlucky to lose 74-73 in their Devon League match against SIDMOUTH. Our winning rinks were the away team of Brian Cursley, David Harris, George Mabon & Bob Sherborne (28-11) and the home team of Town Elliott, Alan Nabbaro, Eric Skeemer & Norman Denslow (20-12).

The Ladies were also beaten 54-39 at home by SIDMOUTH in a friendly despite the efforts of Daphne Ryan, Sue Bond & Judith Moffitt (20-19).

In the mixed friendlies we started with a good 73-39 home win over Bridport with wins on all rinks; Mo Brown, Margaret Brown, Ann Clayton & Margaret Crompton (35-12), Gill Campbell, Alan Foster, Jean Kesterton & Brian Clark (21-13) and Philippa White, Ann Burn, Pam Hunter & Derek Pheby (17-14).

We then lost 66-44 at YEOVIL with no winners and 71-52 at home to Madeira with Mo Brown, Glen Elliott, John Hill & Ann Clayton (21-18) our only winning rink. Finally, we beat OTTERY ST MARY 78-48 at home with wins for Philippa White, Marion Harris, Neil Solomon & Roger Legg (35-7) and Sue Bond, David Harris, Ann Clayton & Derek Pheby (24-19).

School Sports - Cross Country

Colfox cross country teams exel

◆ **UNBEATABLE:** Colfox Year 7 Boys who won the team title in the recent South West Dorset Schools Cross Country Championships pictured with Robin Goodfellow of sponsors CHG (left) and Headteacher David Herbert

◆ **GREAT FUTURE:** Colfox Year 7 Glrls with Robin Goodfellow of sponsors CHG (right) and Headteacher David Herbert after winning the team title

Lyme Crib

Results (*December 19th*); Talbot Arms 1 Ship Inn LR 4, Gerrard Arms 3 New Inn Kilm A 2, Lamb Swans 3 Nags Head 2, New Inn Kilm B 1 Charlie's Angels 4, Axminster Con Club 2 Dolphin Beer 3.

Beer League; Talbot Arms 1 Ship Inn LR 2, Gerrard Arms 2 New Inn Kilm A 1, Lamb Swans 1 Nags Head 2, New Inn Kilm B 3 Charlie's Angels 0, Axminster Con Club 3 Dolphin Beer 0.

Table	Pld	Pts
Nags Head, LR	14	43
Gerrard Arms	14	38
Ship Inn, LR	14	37
Axminster Con Club	14	35
New Inn Kilm A	13	34
Charlie's Angels	14	34
Talbot Arms, Uplyme	12	33
Lamb Swans	14	33
Dolphin, Beer	13	32
Stepps	13	31
New Inn Kilm B	13	20

Beer League	Pld	Pts
Nags Head, LR	14	27
New Inn Kilm B	13	23
Stepps	13	23
Axminster Con Club	14	22
Charlie's Angels	14	22
Lamb Swans	14	21
Gerrard Arms	14	20
Ship Inn, LR	14	19
Talbot Arms, Uplyme	12	16
Dolphin, Beer	13	14
New Inn Kilm A	13	14

Lyme darts

Current table	Pld	Pts
Rousdon Club	9	18
Nags Head A	7	14
Clockadoodledoo	9	12
Royal Standard	8	10
Hunters Lodge	8	8
Talbot Arms	6	8
Rock Point A	5	8
Nags Z	8	7
Four Play	8	7
Cobb Arms	8	4
Janners	9	2
Half an Octopus	9	2
See you Next Thurs	6	0

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Bridport Skittles

Division A	Pld	Pts
Shipfaced	5	10
Denhay	5	8
Rockets	5	8
Rough Eight	5	8
Masters	5	6
Rejects	5	6
Broadoak	5	4
Wanderers	5	4
Nelson Nobblers	5	2
Slingers	5	2
U Know the Blokes	5	2
Lively Lads	5	0

Division B	Pld	Pts
Miss the Ball	5	10
Countrymen	4	6
The Dingles	5	5
Outsiders	4	5
Bangers	5	4
Castouts	5	4
Dingbats	4	4
Lost in Time	4	4
Survivors	5	4
Aussies Lot	5	2
Originals	4	2

Division C	Pld	Pts
Gerryatrics	5	10
NBC	5	10
LHS	5	8
Wickers	5	8
Brandy Snaps	5	6
Pioneers	5	6
Groundhogs	4	2
Stingers	5	2
Unknowns	5	2
Whiskey Chasers	5	2
Yo Yo's	5	2
Bulldogs	3	0

Division D	Pld	Pts
Alcoholics	5	10
Alleycats	5	8
Featherbeds	5	8
Strawpeedoes	5	8
Let em Roll	5	6
BFC	5	4
Firebirds	5	4
Offcuts	5	4
Bad Girls	5	2
Hidden Talent	4	2
Pinbashers	4	2

Swimming

Pullinger breaks 27 second freestyle barrier

A SQUAD of 35 swimmers represented Chard & District Swimming Club in the final round of the Western Division National Swimming League held recently at Millfield School.

Chard fought another tough round against several larger south-west clubs, and achieved seventh place overall with 25 personal best times and 12 top three positions in the 50 events.

Special mention goes to 18-year-old Jamie Pullinger who achieved the club's Gold Speed Badge for swimming 50m freestyle in under 27 seconds.

Seven swimmers achieved Individual top three places:

Open: Hannah Pullinger 20, 3rd100m freestyle

15/Under: Henry Taswell, 15, 1st 100m backstroke and 2nd 100m bfly, Xanthe Dyer 14, 3rd 100m breast, Leo Kindred 15, 3rd 100m breast

13/Under: Milie Downes 13, 3rd 100m back and 3rd 100m free

11/Under: Grace Lambert 11, 1st 50m breast and 1st 50m bfly, Mia Porter 11, 3rd 50m back.

The relay teams also showed some determined swimming, with two top three positions achieved by the nine-11 years Girls Medley team of Esme Huntley, Mia Porter, Grace Lambert and Alice Clark (1st place) and the 13 and under Girls Medley team of Mia Huntley, Briana Barrand, Abi Greenslade and Millie Downes (3rd place).

Full team: Girls: Hannah Pullinger, Sophie Jones, Hope Horsfield, Flo Swan, Xanthe Dyer, Megan Herbert, Briana Barrand, Millie Downes, Abi Greenslade, Mia Huntley, Harriet Copeman, Holly Bigger, Esme Huntley, Mia Porter, Kaitlyn Flannigan, Grace Lambert, Alice Clark.

Boys: Jay Kindred, Jamie Pullinger, Leo Kindred, Iain Ross, Ben Greenslade, Henry Taswell, Simon Davis, Joss Copeman, Oliver Bright, Louis Rood, Jimmy Brett, Jamie Porter, Louis Whittome, Ben Webb, Freddie Coles, Lyndon Smith, Harrison Larcombe and Jack Morgan.

Congratulations to all the swimmers for their performance and determined swimming, and a big thank you to all the Club coaches, officials, team managers, and timekeepers.

Swimmers of the Month are LOUIS ROOD, 13 and KAITLYN FLANNIGAN, 10 for gaining the most improvement points in recent galas.

If you are aged six plus, can swim 25m (one length) confidently in front crawl, have reasonable skills in two other strokes and are interested in competitive swimming, visit *www.Chardswimmingclub.org.uk* for more information about the club and coming along for a free trial.

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INSIDE: Local festive sport round-up

◆ **ROBINS:** Charmouth FC who beat runaway leaders Chard Rangers 5-1 recently to reignite their perry Street League Division Two promotion push. Line-up, standing, from left; Kevin Pratt, Przemek Szmigielski, Dan Rendell, Ed Boot, Kierran Bearpark, Dan Watson, Bill Ward, Paul MIners, Jamie Smith. Front: Danny Parr, Alistair Harvey, Ryan Bearpark, Robbie Hayter, Jake Reeve, Brin Seward, Matt Tipping. *Photo by HOWARD LARCOMBE*

Christmas cheer from the buoyant Blues!

◆ **BLUES HANDED FIVE POINT PRESENT:** Bridport Rugby Club were scheduled to play Dorset Dockers at home in the final match of 2016. The Blues were keen to play to demonstrate their continued run of excellent form.Unfortunately Dockers failed to raise a side handing Bridport a walkover and five points which maintains their second placed position in the Dorset & Wilts Division Two (South). This is not what the team wanted especially as the club had arranged a Christmas meal for the players after the match. So in the spirit that is prevalent in the squad at the moment they arranged some social rugby at the Brewery Ground, enjoyed their Christmas lunch afterwards, and can look forward to continuing their push for promotion in the New Year.

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